

***Remarks***

Claims 33-82 are pending in the application, with claims 33 and 55 being the independent claims. Claims 1-32 were previously cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed in the present application on December 9, 2003. Claim 51 is amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The Examiner stated that claims 33-82 are directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

1. Figure 3;
2. Figure 4;
3. Figure 5;
4. Figure 6;
5. Figure 12;
6. Figure 15b; and
7. Figure 16;

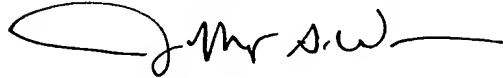
The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species. Applicants elect claims 33, 35-51, 53, and 54, directed to Species 3, Figure 5, without traverse.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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